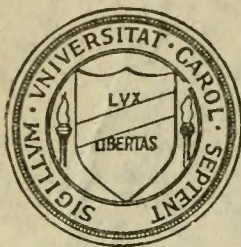


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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Raleigh, Nov. 16th, 1866.

To the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina:

On the 7th day of April, A. D., 1866, I was honored by his Excellency, Governor Worth, with the appointment of Adjutant General of the State of North Carolina. Though fully aware of the difficulties, troubles and obstacles in the way of effecting a re-organization of our Militia, resulting from the disorganized state of society, and the great indisposition of our people to be again annoyed with military affairs, but believing the work necessary and highly important to the interests of North Carolina, I accepted the position of Adjutant General and immediately entered upon the labor of re-organizing our State Militia, under the old law, as re-enacted by your body at its last session, with but few amendments, to wit: chapter 70, Revised Code. This re-enactment provided for re-organizing the Militia, through the instrumentality of the "Temporary Force," whose organization was provided for by the Convention of 1865, in "An ordinance to organize a temporary force for the preservation of law and order." The orders looking to the re-organization of the Militia, therefore, were issued to these organizations, through the Sheriffs of Counties, there being no record of such temporary force, nor

Roster of its Officers in this office. I soon ascertained, however, that in but few Counties in the State, this temporary force had been organized, under said Ordinance of the Convention, and by direction of his Excellency, Governor Worth, I communicated with the Sheriffs of Counties, asking their assistance and co-operation in transmitting orders, making enrollments and holding elections. A large number of Sheriffs, though not required by law to do so, have cheerfully and promptly responded to this call, and through this assistance, I have made greater progress than could otherwise have been done. Still a large number of Sheriffs however, have either disregarded or carelessly performed the orders and instructions from this department, (a number after being instructed and urged time and time again) thereby leaving their Counties, a list of which is given below, without any complete Militia organization. These Counties are:

			Regiment,
1.	Currituck County,	1st	
2.	Gates	" 7th	"
3.	Bertie	" 8th and 9th	"
4.	Pitt	" 17th	"
5.	Carteret	" 18th	"
6.	New Hanover	" 22d and 23d	"
7.	Wilson	" 33d	"
8.	Halifax	" 34th and 35th	"
9.	Wake	" 38th and 39th	"
10.	Orange	" 45th and 46th	"
11.	Cumberland	" 53d and 54th	"
12.	Brunswick	" 56th	"
13.	Robeson	" 58th and 59th	"
14.	Montgomery	" 62d	"
15.	Rockingham	" 69th and 70th	"
16.	Yadkin,	" 75th	"
17.	Union	" 81st and 82d	"
18.	Mecklenburg	" 85th and 86th	"
19.	Lincoln	" 88th	"
20.	Catawba	" 89th	"
21.	Watauga	" 98th	"
22.	Mitchell	" 99th	"

23. Madison County,	110th	Regiment,
24. Haywood	" 112th	"
25. Macon	" 114th	"

In these twenty-five Counties, however, steps are now being again taken to secure an organization of the Militia, which I trust to be able to complete before the adjournment of your body.

In the following remaining Counties, however, I have succeeded, after much labor and very tedious correspondence, in effecting an organization of the Militia, and am now engaged in Commissioning the Officers elect in the regiments therein, to wit:

2d Regiment,	Camden	County,
3rd "	Perquimans	"
4th "	Pasquotank	"
5th "	Chowan	"
6th "	Hertford	"
10th "	Martin	"
11th "	Washington	"
12th "	Tyrrell	"
13th "	Hyde	"
14th "	Beaufort	"
15th "	Craven	"
16th "	Craven	"
19th "	Jones	"
20th "	Lenoir	"
21st "	Onslow	"
24th "	Sampson	"
25th "	Sampson	"
26th "	Duplin	"
27th "	Wayne	"
28th "	Wayne	"
29th "	Greene	"
30th "	Edgecombe	"
31st "	Edgecombe	"
32nd "	Nash	"
36th "	Northampton	"
37th "	Warren	"

40th Regiment	Franklin	County,
41st	Johnston	"
42nd	Granville	"
43rd	Granville	"
44th	Person	"
47th	Caswell	"
48th	Alamance	"
49th	Chatham	"
50th	Chatham	"
51st	Moore	"
52nd	Harnett	"
55th	Bladen	"
57th	Columbus	"
60th	Richmond	"
61st	Richmond	"
63rd	Randolph	"
64th	Randolph	"
65th	Davidson	"
66th	Davidson	"
67th	Guilford	"
68th	Guilford	"
71st	Forsyth	"
72nd	Stokes	"
73rd	Surry	"
74th	Surry	"
76th	Rowan	"
77th	Davie	"
78th	Iredell	"
79th	Iredell	"
80th	Anson	"
83rd	Stanly	"
84th	Cabarrus	"
87th	Gaston	"
90th	Cleaveland	"
91st	Cleaveland	"
92nd	Wilkes	"
93rd	Wilkes	"
94th	Alexander	"
95th	Caldwell	"

96th Regiment,	Alleghany	County,
97th “	Ashe	“
100th “	Burke	“
101st “	Burke	“
102nd “	McDowell	“
103rd “	Rutherford	“
104th “	Rutherford	“
105th “	Polk	“
106th “	Henderson	“
107th “	Transylvania	“
108th “	Buncombe	“
109th “	Buncombe	“
111th “	Yancey	“
112th “	Jackson	“
115th “	Cherokee	“
116th “	Clay	“

in which Counties I have commissioned 35 Colonels, 36 Lieutenant Colonels, 38 Majors, 553 Captains, 563 First Lieutenants, 638 Second Lieutenants and 507 Third Lieutenants, making in these Counties 2,370 commissioned officers, commissioned to this date, and leaving yet to be commissioned among these and the Counties above mentioned, from which no returns have yet been received, nearly the same number. Each commissioned officer is required to subscribe and return to this office oaths of office, and to support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of North Carolina, a printed form of which, in blank, is enclosed in each commission.

This work of commissioning officers has been necessarily laborious and tedious, owing to the large number of officers to be commissioned, the difficulty of finding suitable men to accept commissions, and the want of mail facilities.

There have been organized and officered several Cavalry troops, in different parts of the State, by authority from this office, and according to the Militia Law, which have been attached to the proper commands.

During the war, the State Arsenal at Fayetteville, was destroyed, and North Carolina is now not only without arms

to supply her Militia, but without a depot for the safe keeping of arms, whenever the State may be allowed to draw again her quota from the General Government. Maj. D. G. McRae, of Fayetteville, N. C., has been appointed keeper of the Arsenal at that place, and ordered to take into his possession all property of a military nature, belonging to the State at that place. I would respectfully suggest that some steps should be taken by your body to secure arms for North Carolina, to be distributed among the Militia whenever needed.

Another source of embarrassment and tedious investigation, is the constant application to this office, from the Surgeon General's office and the Pension office, at Washington City, for information in regard to deceased and disabled soldiers and officers of the Federal army, who were citizens of this State. I find in this office no record of these men, except such as has been transmitted here since the close of the war, in the shape of muster rolls, from which I am seldom able to obtain the information desired, and therefore forced to communicate with persons in different portions of the State, to find material upon which to base an answer to the General Government.

This additional source of labor, added to that now required of the Adjutant General, in re-organizing the Militia of the State, compels me, in conclusion of this report, to ask at your hands an increase of the salary of the Adjutant General, or that a sufficient amount of money should be appropriated to the use of his office, with which he may procure the clerical assistance, which, in his present labors, is necessary.

Yours, &c.,

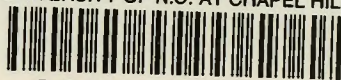
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